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Martha Hernandez, a 26 year old Monroe resident, was arrested by King County Troopers two times in the month of February. During both arrests her BAC was above a .300.

On Tuesday, February 24th, troopers arrested Hernandez with a BAC of .357 after she passed out behind the wheel while driving eastbound on I-90 at mile post 49. Approximately 2:00 p.m. troopers were dispatched to a blocking black 2006 Chevrolet Equinox in the snow and slush covered roadway eastbound I-90 at mile post 49. When troopers arrived they observed Hernandez passed out with her head resting on the center console and an odor of alcohol coming from inside the vehicle. Troopers observed her to be extremely intoxicated and located 3 open containers of vodka, 2 of them disguised as water bottles. Hernandez was booked into King County Jail for DUI.

On Friday, February 6th, troopers arrested Hernandez on SR 522 at 195th with a BAC of .310. Approximately 8:00 p.m. Hernandez was arrested after an off duty Bellevue PD motorcycle officer observed the same vehicle, a black 2006 Chevrolet Equinox, being driven erratically eastbound on SR 522. Hernandez was extremely intoxicated and was admitted into the King County Detoxification Center after processing.

